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REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the final Office Action dated January 23, 2002 (Paper No. 22) and the Decision on Appeal dated January 28, 2005 (Paper No. 40). By this communication, Applicant has canceled claims 12, 13, and 16-19 without prejudice or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter, and amended claims 14, 20, and 24-27.

Claims 14 and 20 have been amended to improve idiomatic English and to place them in independent form. No new matter has been added.

Claims 24-27 have been amended to improve form. No new matter has been added.

Claims 14, 20, 22, and 24-27 are pending where claims 14, 20, and 22 are independent.

Allowable Subject Matter

Based on the Decision on Appeal (Paper No. 40) in which the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed the Examiner's rejections of claims 14, 20, 22, and 24-27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103. As discussed above, Applicant has placed claims 14 and 20 in independent form. Therefore, claims 14, 20, 22, and 24-27 are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests that these claims be allowed.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-1450/DIV from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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